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For: NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE
AND ENCODING DNA THEREFOR

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

May 7, 2001

Sir:


In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed April 4, 2001 and in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825, applicants respectfully request that the computer readable form submitted in parent application no.08/448,489 on February 26, 1999 as file "55-290P.app" be transferred to this application. The computer readable form of the sequence listing, file 55-290P.app, is identical to the paper copy, of the instant application, except that the computer readable form lacks formatting. The paper copy of the sequence listing was submitted in a preliminary amendment on October 13, 2000 a copy of which amendment is attached hereto.

Should there be any further outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the phone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees requires under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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